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The Honorable Constance Morella
Chairperson, Subcommittee on Technology
Committee on Science
House of Representatives

Dear Madam Chairperson:

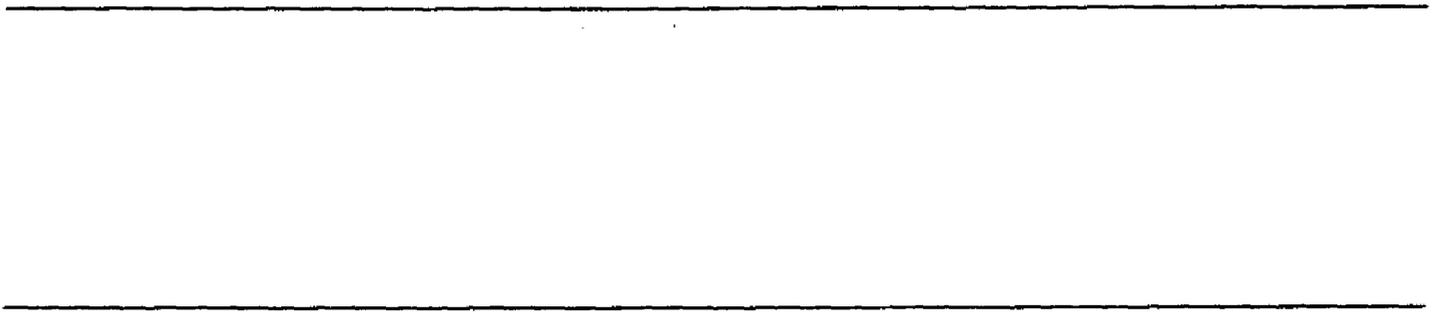
This letter responds to your request for information on the funding levels for manufacturing extension centers that receive federal funds and the dates they began receiving such funding. These centers offer various services to businesses, such as helping them improve plant layout, product design and development, energy efficiency, and address environmental issues. As agreed with you, we obtained this information from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The information was sent to us from the NIST Budget Office, and we have not independently verified it.

The information is presented in the enclosures to this letter. Enclosure 1 shows centers funded through the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership program. Enclosures 2 and 3 show those funded through the Technology Reinvestment Project (TRP) under the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA). These projects are being funded in two rounds. The first round consists of projects funded in fiscal years 1994 and 1995 with funding planned for 1996; the second round consists of projects funded for fiscal year 1995 and planned funding for fiscal year 1996.

If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 512-5889.

Sincerely yours,

JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director
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NIST FUNDING OF MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTERS

Manufacturing extension center ^a	FY1994 funding	FY1995 funding	Start date of funding
California MTC	\$3,000,000	\$2,400,000	August 1992
Great Lakes MTC	2,000,000	2,500,000	January 1989
Mid-America MTC	2,400,000	2,000,000	March 1991
Midwest MTC	2,400,000	2,000,000	March 1991
New FY1995 MECs	^b	41,000,000 ^e	4th Qtr. FY1995
New York MEP	2,000,000	2,000,000	January 1989
Northwest Wisconsin MOC	^{b, d}	600,000	July 1995
Southeast MTC	2,000,000	2,000,000	January 1989
Upper Midwest MTC	3,000,000	2,400,000	August 1992
Total NIST funding	\$16,800,000^e	\$56,900,000^e	

^aThe acronyms in this column have the following meaning: MEC=Manufacturing Extension Center; MEP= Manufacturing Extension Partnership; MOC= Manufacturing Outreach Center; MTC= Manufacturing Technology Center.

^bNo NIST funding in fiscal year 1994.

^cThe amount of \$41,000,000 for new fiscal year 1995 MECs will not be awarded until the last quarter of fiscal year 1995.

^dThis MEC was TRP-funded in fiscal year 1994.

^eTotal appropriations for the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership were \$30,200,000 in fiscal year 1994 and \$90,600,000 in fiscal year 1995. In addition to funding the MECs, the appropriations included funds for national activities, program development, administration, and Small Business Development Centers and Special Projects.

Source: NIST.

TRP FUNDING OF MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTERS
ROUND 1

Manufacturing extension center ^a	FY1994 funding	FY1995 funding	Start date of funding
A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Center (VA)	\$400,000	\$400,000	May 1994
Arizona Applied Manufacturing Center	857,000	701,000	February 1994
Chicago MTEC	3,500,000	3,500,000	March 1994
Connecticut State TEP	1,277,000	1,434,000	March 1994
Delaware Manufacturing Alliance	300,000	450,000	February 1994
Georgia Manufacturing Extension Alliance	2,898,000	3,711,000	February 1994
Hudson Valley MOC	500,000	500,000	April 1994
Iowa MTC	2,900,000	2,700,000	February 1994
Kentucky Technology Service	294,000	494,000	April 1994
MAMTC Colorado Regional Office	670,000	975,000	April 1994
MAMTC Southern Missouri Regional Office	624,000	939,000	September 1994
Maryland Manufacturing Modernization Network	569,000	487,000	June 1994
Massachusetts Manufacturing Partnership	3,585,000	3,541,000	February 1994
MEP of North/East Pennsylvania	1,625,000	1,625,000	February 1994
Miami Valley MEC (OH)	744,000	596,000	August 1994
MOC of New York - Southern Tier	500,000	500,000	April 1994

Manufacturing extension center ^a	FY1994 funding	FY1995 funding	Start date of funding
Nebraska Industrial Competitiveness Service	892,000	892,000	July 1994
New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Program	3,204,000	2,440,000	February 1994
New York City MOC	1,035,000	1,535,000	April 1994
Northwest Wisconsin MOC	600,000	^b	July 1994
Oklahoma Industrial Extension System	1,249,000	1,460,000	March 1994
Plastics Technology Deployment Center (OH)	953,000	953,000	March 1994
Pollution Prevention Center (CA)	94,000	94,000	February 1994
Southwestern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center	1,625,000	1,625,000	March 1994
Tennessee MEP	1,523,000	1,818,000	July 1994
Virginia Alliance for Manufacturing Competitiveness	1,910,000	1,990,000	January 1995
Washington Alliance for Manufacturing	700,000	850,000	February 1994
Western New York MOC	755,000	717,000	April 1994
Total TRP round 1 funding	\$35,783,000	\$36,927,000	

^aThe acronyms in this column have the following meaning: MAMTC= Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center; MEC= Manufacturing Extension Center; MEP= Manufacturing Extension Partnership; MOC= Manufacturing Outreach Center; MTEC= Manufacturing Technology Extension Center; TEP= Technology Extension Program.

^bThis MEC was NIST-funded in fiscal year 1995.

Source: NIST.

TRP FUNDING OF MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTERS
ROUND 2

Manufacturing extension center ^a	FY1995 funding	Estimated start date of funding
MAMTC St. Louis Regional Office	\$873,000	March 1995
MAMTC Wyoming Regional Office	325,000	March 1995
Manufacturing Modernization Program for the State of Maine	922,000	March 1995
North Dakota MEC	282,000	April 1995
North Carolina MEP	1,531,000	March 1995
Northwest Ohio MEC	698,000	March 1995
Southeastern Pennsylvania MEP	2,000,000	March 1995
Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center	3,812,000	March 1995
West Virginia Partnership for Industrial Modernization	480,000	March 1995
Total TRP Round 2 Funding	\$10,923,000	

^aThe acronyms in this column have the following meaning: MAMTC= Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center; MEC= Manufacturing Extension Center; MEP= Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Source: NIST.

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